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Ms. Jil Swearingen
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Dear Ms. Swearingen:

Enclosed is the 2002 gypsy moth biological evaluation for Greenbelt Park and Baltimore – Washington Parkway.

In brief, gypsy moth populations are sufficient to cause heavy defoliation in 2003 at Greenbelt Park (352 acres) and BW Parkway (62 acres). In order to protect foliage and prevent subsequent tree mortality, our recommendation is to aerially apply one application of Gypchek at the rate of 4×10^{11} OB's in a total mix of 1 gallon per acre.

If you have any question concerning this biological evaluation, please feel free to call Brad Onken at (304) 285-1546 or Karen Felton at (304) 285-1556.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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